

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, and 17 through 37 are pending, with Claims 1, 18, 23, 34, 35, and 36 being independent. Claims 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7, 8, 11, and 18 through 37 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, and 17 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 6, 9, 10, and 12 through 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,002,885 (Kaneda) in view of newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 5,572,317 (Parker, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that the controller changes the preset speed information on the basis of the preset speed information, in accordance with an operation of the zoom switch while the variator lens is being driven at the preset speed.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Kaneda nor Parker, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kaneda shows, e.g., positional data of the variator lens unit 112 and the focus lens unit 114 are stored in the lens microcomputer 410, with moving of the variator lens unit and the focus lens unit, in the zooming operation (e.g., col. 8), and that Parker, et al. shows, e.g., a CYCLE mode whereby the base unit 11 automatically moves from the first location preset to the others (that have been

remembered) and the speed at which the base unit moves from one preset to another is adjustable by speed commands in ten steps, and speed is adjusted by depressing SET switch 74 and then SLOW switch 77 or FAST switch 76, where with both switches held down, the simultaneous release of both switches will change the speed by one increment as desired (e.g., col. 8-9).

However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Kaneda and Parker, et al. provides either a description or a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claim 1.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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